

# ***The Iowa Council on Homelessness***

## **MINUTES**

Friday, May 17, 2013

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Meeting Location: The Iowa Finance Authority

Room: Lower Level Presentation Room

Address: 2015 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

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### **I ICN ETIQUETTE REVIEW**

Chair Axeen reminded participants to ask to be recognized and to state their name so the meeting could run more smoothly.

### **II INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chair Axeen. There are currently 36 members on the Iowa Council on Homelessness and the following voting members were present: Axeen, Beilke-McCallum, Binner, Boss, Brown, Brustkern, Canganelli, Davidson, Dunnwald, Erickson, Fidelis, Fisher, Flores (alt. for Armstrong), Hagen, Harris, Hearn, Heckman, Johnson, Kellogg, Munsterman-Robinson, Phillips, Schwalm, Timm, and Wilson. A quorum was established.

### **III APPROVAL OF AGENDA (*ACTION ITEM*)**

On motion by Mr. Beilke-McCallum and seconded by Mr. Brustkern, the agenda for the May 17, 2013 meeting of the Iowa Council on Homelessness was unanimously approved.

### **IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*ACTION ITEM*)**

On motion by Ms. Davidson and seconded by Ms. Phillips, the minutes of the March 21, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **V UPDATE FROM IOWA INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY ALLIANCES**

Mr. Eberbach gave a brief update on the support and capacity building project that the Iowa Institute for Community Alliances has been contracted to complete. Currently, the Iowa Institute is working on developing a Governance Charter which they will have for review prior to the July meeting; they have also begun working on developing regional maps for the state of Iowa that they will put out to agencies for review, and have also been working on related surveys for the Council.

### **VI SPECIAL PRESENTATION: BRAIN INJURY ALLIANCE OF IOWA**

Mr. Lauer with the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa gave a presentation surrounding information about brain injuries, misconceptions about brain injuries, treatment of brain injuries, and how

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brain injury can be contributing factor to homelessness. The slides are available online for review under the Resources section for today's meeting.

## **VII COMMITTEE / TASK FORCE REPORTS**

**Executive Committee** (*Al Axeen*): Nothing to report.

**Nominating Committee** (*Ben Brustkern*): Mr. Brustkern stated that the Nominating Committee had two action items.

### ***ACTION ITEM #1***

On motion from the Nominating Committee, Amy Rawhouser was recommended to the Iowa Council on Homelessness to fill a vacant Consumer Representative position, with final approval from the Governor's office. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

### ***ACTION ITEM #2***

On motion from the Nominating Committee, the renewal applications to sit on the Iowa Council on Homelessness for Mr. Brustkern, Ms. Canganelli, Ms. Fisher, Mr. Hagen, Ms. Hearn, Ms. Kellogg, Ms. Munsterman-Robinson, Ms. Schwalm, Mr. Timm, and Mr. Wilson were recommended to the Iowa Council on Homelessness with final approval from the Governor's office. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Continuum of Care Committee** (*Zeb Beilke-McCallum*): Mr. Beilke-McCallum gave a brief update concerning the Tier 2 Continuum of Care Renewal Project Awards that were recently announced by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care had placed one renewal project in the Tier 2 ranking in the consolidated application. The project in the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care that received Tier 2 renewal funding was the Community Corrections Improvement Association's Home to Stay, CHoOSE project.

Mr. Beilke-McCallum also mentioned that the sequester will likely effect next year's funding for the Continuum of Care Program, including the renewal projects, and it will likely be the case that the Council will have to go through another ranking process of these projects. He finished by saying the 2013 Continuum of Care RFP will likely come out in late summer.

**Public Awareness** (*Tim Wilson*): Mr. Wilson mentioned that the Committee continues to look for new members and that the next Public Awareness meeting will be Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. Mr. Wilson also reported that the date for 2014 Day on the Hill has been set for Wednesday, February 19, 2014.

**Progressive Engagement/Coordinated Intake** (*David Hagen*): Mr. Hagen mentioned that quite a few resources had been posted for the Progressive Engagement/Coordinated Intake Committee on the IFA website pertaining to Coordinated Intake and Assessment. He reported that the

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Committee is trying to figure out a common assessment tool by looking at Dayton/Montgomery Co. Ohio, Omaha/Council Bluffs, and Waypoint Services models. Mr. Hagen encouraged input and also asked that people take a look at the assessment models to see what works best for them.

**Research and Analysis** (*Ann Davidson*): Ms. Eberbach with the Iowa Institute for Community Alliances went over the results of the 2013 Point in Time (PIT) Count for the Balance of State Continuum of Care. The PIT Count shows numbers of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families as well as the number of beds across the continuum. This information is available under the Resources section for today's meeting.

## **VIII PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- i. Old Business: None.
- ii. New Business:

Mr. Eggleston with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development gave an update about the HUD Homelessness Conference that will take place July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines at Drake University.

Mr. Floyd, a HOME Program Analyst with the Iowa Finance Authority, provided the Council with some brief information about the HOME Program and the upcoming competition in August. Questions about the HOME Program and the upcoming competition may be directed to Jerry Floyd at [jerry.floyd@iowa.gov](mailto:jerry.floyd@iowa.gov).

Ms. Lewis updated the Council with information about Iowa Finance Authority's upcoming Iowa Statewide Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) competition. Draft competition materials will be released next week, and the Iowa Finance Authority is seeking stakeholder feedback on these materials, particularly the application priorities, which were also introduced by email yesterday. There will also be an open, public meeting for oral comments on Friday, May 31, 2013 in the Presentation Room at the Iowa Finance Authority at 10:00 AM.

Ms. Lewis also briefly discussed the use of the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) for council meetings. The cost has been approximately \$600 per meeting, and the ICN recently changed the way it was billing for these meetings, resulting in the cost per site almost doubling. Because of this, IFA has had to reduce the number of sites it can support for each meeting. Some members may have noticed reduced availability of ICN sites this time around. IFA welcomes comments on how it can best make the meetings available through the ICN while keeping the costs reasonable.

- iii. Date of Next meeting: July 19, 2013 (10:00 AM – 11:30 AM). Please check [www.iowafinanceauthority.gov/ich](http://www.iowafinanceauthority.gov/ich) for more details as they become available.

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## **IX     ADJOURN**

On motion by Mr. Beilke-McCallum and seconded by Ms. Davidson, the May 17, 2013 meeting of the Iowa Council on Homelessness was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

### **Voting Members Present**

1. Al Axeen (Chair)
2. Zeb Beilke-McCallum (Secretary), Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
3. David Binner, Wells Fargo
4. David Boss, Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation
5. Anne Brown, Department of Corrections
6. Ben Brustkern, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
7. Crissy Canganelli, Shelter House
8. Ann Davidson, YWCA Fort Dodge
9. Carrie Dunnwald, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
10. Jane Erickson, Department on Aging
11. Libris Fidelis, Consumer Representative (Iowa City)
12. Mariliegth Fisher, Community Housing Initiatives
13. Becky Flores (alt. for Theresa Armstrong), Department of Human Services
14. David Hagen, Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
15. Kristine Harris, Consumer Representative (Cedar Rapids)
16. Ann Hearn, Linn County Community Services
17. Cliff Heckman, VA Medical Center
18. Sandy Johnson, Department of Education
19. Barb Kellogg, North Iowa Community Action Organization
20. Stefanie Munsterman-Robinson, Family Promise of Linn County
21. Donna Phillips, Iowa Attorney General's Office
22. Ashley Schwalm, Family Resources
23. Tony Timm, Central Iowa Shelter and Services
24. Tim Wilson, Willis Dady Emergency Shelter

### **Voting Members Absent**

1. Jeremy Babcock, Iowa Economic Development Authority
2. Bill Brand, Department of Human Rights
3. Bob Brownell, Iowa State Association of Counties
4. Becky Falck, SIEDA Community Action
5. Jeff Gronstal (Vice Chair), Department of Public Health
6. Rhonda Jordal, Family Alliance for Veterans of America
7. Tom Lampe, Department of Public Safety
8. Wes Peterson, Iowa Finance Authority
9. Reginald Schmitt, Iowa League of Cities
10. Nancy Schulze, Heartland Family Services
11. Bob Steben, Department of Veterans Affairs
12. Michael Witt, Iowa Workforce Development

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## Others Present

1. Maria Anderson, Northern Lights
2. Kacey Barrow, Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center
3. Julie Bockenstedt, Humility of Mary Housing/Shelter
4. Ronelle Clark, Clinton YWCA
5. David Eberbach, Iowa Institute for Community Alliances
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7. Steve Eggleston, US Department of Housing and Urban Development
8. Jerry Floyd, Iowa Finance Authority
9. Judy Gilstrap, The Salvation Army (Waterloo)
10. Judy Hartman, Iowa Finance Authority
11. David Hicks, Youth & Shelter Services (Marshall County)
12. Amy Keairns, City of Sioux City
13. Jennie Kerger, Salvation Army
14. Geoffrey Lauer, Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa
15. Amber Lewis (Homeless Programs Coordinator), Iowa Finance Authority
16. Laura Lindsay, Family Alliance for Veterans of America
17. Josh McRoberts, Iowa Finance Authority
18. Derek Nichols, Social Security Administration
19. Dennis Ostrander, Community Action of Southeast Iowa
20. Nancy Robertson, Crisis Intervention Services (Oskaloosa)
21. Jan Rutledge, Iowa Legal Aid
22. Deanna Utecht (alt. for Donna Phillips), Iowa Attorney General's Office

Dated this 20th day of May, 2013

Respectfully Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Josh McRoberts, Iowa Finance Authority

Approved as to form: \_\_\_\_\_

Allan Axeen, Chair

Approved as to form: \_\_\_\_\_

Zebulon Beilke-McCallum, Secretary